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SUBJECT: PAKSE-PHNOM PENH "PORK-FLIGHTS"

REF: VIENTIANE 0558

BANGKOK FOR DEA; SAIGON FOR DEA

1. INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL PASSED TO KHMER NARCOTICS DIRECTORATE (KND) HEAD VAR HOUTH JANUARY 24. HE COMMENTED THAT HE WAS ALREADY AWARE OF "PORK FLIGHTS" AND HAS BEEN CONSIDERING METHODS OF MONITORING THEM. MAIN PROBLEM IS THAT HE FINDS IT DIFFICULT, FOR VARIETY OF LOGISTIC AND POLITICAL REASONS, TO MAKE INSPECTIONS OF LARGE SHIPMENTS OF PORK WHICH ARE UNLOADED AND TRANSPORTED RAPIDLY FROM AIRPORT WITHOUT MORE CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAN NOW EXISTS. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO UNDERTAKE A RANDOM INSPECTION AT SOME POINT IF THE FLIGHTS RESUME AND WILL PLACE THE MERCHANT CONCERNED UNDER SURVEILLANCE. THESE MEASURES WILL PROBABLY NOT LEAD TO SEIZURES OR ARRESTS BUT MAY SERVE THE PURPOSE OF STOPPING THE PRESUMED NARCOTICS SHIPMENTS BY SCARING THE SMUGGLERS OFF.

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2. REQUEST VIENTIANE AND BANGKOK PROVIDE US PROMPTLY WITH

ANH MORE DETAILED INFORMATION THEY MIGHT DEVZROP SO AS TO
PROVIDE MORKISBACKING FOR AN EFFECTIVE KND EFFORT HERE.

3. WE CONCEDE THAT CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AGAINST
COLONEL LIM SISAATH IS CONSIDERABLE; HOWEVER, INFORMATION
AVAILABLE TO US HERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO LIST HIM AS CON-
FIRMED DRUG SMUGGLER AS HE IS DESCRIBED REFTEL. REQUEST
ANY FURTHER INFORMATION VIENTIANE MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT
ALSO.

4. PORK SHIPMENTS ARE USEFUL IN COUNTERING PHNOM
PENH'S ACUTE INFLATION; WE WOULD NOT WISH TO INHIBIT
OR TURN THEM OFF WITHOUT SERIOUS EVIDENCE OF MALFEASANCE.
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